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1. CISL SECRETARIAT MEETING ON MAY 6 DECIDED TO REMAND THE SUBJECT OF THE EXPULSION OF CISL MINORITY LEADER VITO SCALIA TO A MAY 15 MEETING OF THE CISL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL THEN FIX A DATE FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO TAKE UP THE MATTER. THE LATTER, IN TURN, WILL MOST LIKELY HAND THE SUBJECT OVER TO THE "PROBAVIRI" (A THREE-MAN JUDICIAL PANEL) FOR DISPOSITION.

2. COMMENT: THE MANEUVERS APPEAR TO BE ENGINEERED BY CISL SECGEN STORTI IN ORDER TO BUY TIME, AT LEAST UNTIL THE JUNE 15 ELECTIONS. HE WANTS TO SEE HOW THE DC, AND PARTICULARLY PARTY SECRETARY FANFANI, FAES BEFORE CASTING HIS LOT WITH ONE FACTION OR THE OTHER. ON THE OTHER HAND, SCALIA LOYALISTS SUCH AS LEOLINI TELL US THAT CISL SECRETARY CARNITI, THE INSTIGATOR OF THE PURGE, IS DETERMINED TO SEE THE THING THROUGH

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PRIOR TO JUNE 15.

3. IN ANY EVENT, SCALIA IS ENJOYING UNWANTED POPULARITY.
CARNITI CLEARLY MISCALCULATED THE EFFECT HIS INITIATIVE WOULD
HAVE IN THE RANKS OF THE CISL MINORITY AND IN CERTAIN SENIOR
ELEMENTS OF THE DC PARTY. THEY HAVE RALLIED ROUND THE BE-
LEAGUERED SCALIA IN A WAY THAT THEY WERE DISINCLINED TO DO
UNTIL RECENTLY. THE BEST GUESS IS STILL THAT WAYS WILL BE
FOUND TO POSTPONE A SHOWDOWN ON SCALIA UNTIL AFTER THE JUNE 15
ELECTIONS. END COMMENT.

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